

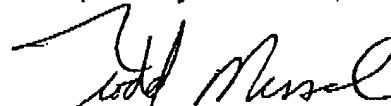
**Double Patenting**

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-26 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,411,016. Applicant herein submits a terminal disclaimer and declaration to overcome this rejection.

**Summary of Office Action and Response Thereto**

The Examiner rejected claims 6-14 and 18-23. The Applicant has canceled claims 10, 11, 22 and 23. Claims 6-9, 12-14 and 18-21 remain pending. With this amendment and the preceding remarks, the Applicant asserts that the pending claims distinguish over the art of record and are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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